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- 1. YOU MAY TELL FRENCH PERMREP TINE THAT WE HAVE ALSO NOTED INCREASED PRESENCE OF SOVIET SHIPS IN ADEN AND ARE TAKING THIS FACT INTO ACCOUNT IN INDIAN OCEAN NEGOTIATIONS.
- 2. THE DISCUSSION SO FAR ON "FACILITIES" HAS NOT CENTERED ON DEFINITION OF THAT TERM, BUT ON QUESTION OF EXTENT TO WHICH U.S. AND SOVIETS HAVE "UTILIZED" FACILITIES IN A PORT (E.G., REFUELING FACILITIES, REPAIR FACILITIES), EITHER SECRET

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THEIR OWN OR INDIGENOUS. IN OUR VIEW, UTILIZATION OF A PORT OCCURS WHENEVER ACTIVITIES THERE GO BEYOND THOSE NORMALLY ASSOCIATED WITH ROUTINE PORT CALLS.

3. WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION FRENCH MAY HAVE CONCERNING SOVIET USE OF ADEN FACILITIES. VANCE

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